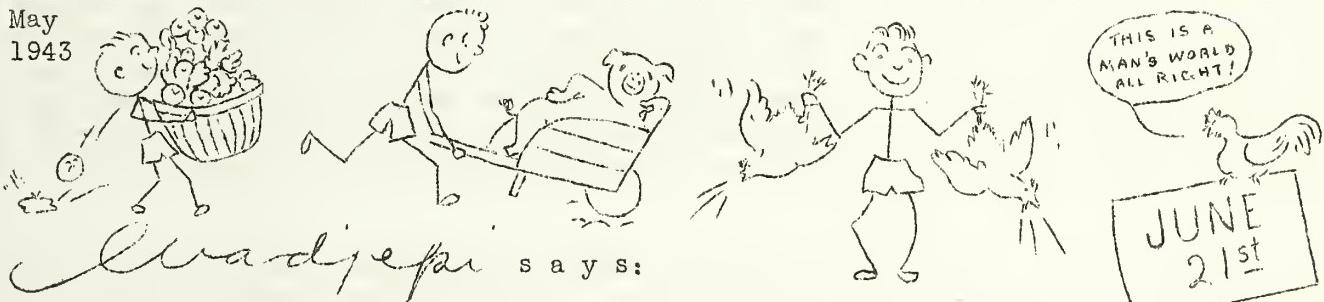


Official Newsletter of the Miniwanca Younger Boys and Pre-Senior Camps

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Well, here we are fellows, steaming ahead full speed toward JUNE and CAMP MINIWANCA! One doesn't have to be poetic or slangy to truthfully make the statement - "It won't be long now." June will be here almost before we know it.

We have been asked scores of times: What of the camps of the coming summer..... what will they be like? Will the program be the same as in other years? Will it be patriotic to go to camp this summer? Will there be a chance to really do some work so that one may feel that one is not just having a healthful vacation and getting some good training for living, but, in addition, is making an honest-to-goodness contribution to the war effort? These are good questions, and they indicate a thoughtful and purposeful attitude on the part of our Miniwanca campers.

You will all be thrilled to know that we can give you a good, stout, "two-fisted" (as the fellows say) answer to these inquiries. First, let me say that government officials are giving every possible assistance to the camping movement, consistent with the war effort. Charter bus privileges have already been granted us for the trip between Muskegon and Miniwanca. The signed permits are in our file from the Office of Defense Health and Recreation Services. The government feels that it is important, in these critical war days, that young people keep their health at top peak, that they have a purposeful program of health and recreational activities, that they are taught resourcefulness in the woods, knowledge of water-safety programs, new techniques of swimming as used by our armed forces, and many other things of this nature.

Furthermore, an emphasis on actual productive work is desired, and such projects as our camp service programs they want developed to the fullest extent. American young people should learn how to work. There are no better young people in all the world and no group of young people can work better than the boys and girls of the U.S.A. if they know there is a real need and a definite job to be done.

So, the program at Miniwanca this summer will be a thrilling one - full of interest and worthwhile activities. I want to tell you about our food production program, and it will make your blood tingle, I know, to read about the many things we are going to do this summer along this line. First, we will raise at least 500 chickens. They will be "growing up" even before you get to camp. When you arrive they should be $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 pounds in weight. By the end of July they will be ready for some good chicken dinners, right there in camp!

Up at Caretaker Charlie Thompson's farm, (Hold your breath!) the camp will have a two-acre garden patch - two-acres - and there we will raise all kinds of fresh garden stuff - bushels and bushels of it. For example, more than 400 tomato plants will be planted, and it is estimated that upwards of 200 bushels of vegetables will be produced from the garden. So that there will not be anything amateurish about this, we are having the garden started by Mr. Burmeister and Charlie Thompson, and the stuff will be growing more than a month before the campers arrive. Then we will take over and help the men take care of the place. A leader and a squad of campers from camp will go to the farm, work in the garden; and the next day another squad will take over; and in this way, everybody will have a chance to do some real food producing - really helping Uncle Sam and our allies at the spot where they say the war will be won - right at the food production point. We'll eat this fresh garden stuff, too, and thus save that much that otherwise would have to be taken out of regular food production supplies.

But that is not all. The older Pre-Senior campers, and perhaps some of the Juniors, will be given a chance to go out and help pick the valuable and important sour (pie) cherry crop. The camp, as you know, is located in one of the greatest cherry areas in America. There will be a tremendous shortage of labor this year. We have worked out a plan to give the fruit growers some help. Uncle Sam wants that cherry crop for our armed forces and for our allies, and also to help feed the conquered peoples, when our armies have given them their release. The details of this plan will be sent to the Pre-Seniors, and they will have to sign up for this part of the program before they leave home if they want to take part in it. It will be strictly voluntary, however, and no one will have to participate unless they want to, and certainly shouldn't unless physically able to do so.

Well, you can see that Camp Miniwanca is going to be right in there batting, and you campers will have a chance to show the stuff of which you are made. And it will be fun, for along with these odds and ends of work, there will be the regular exciting activities of the camp -- more thrilling and alluring than ever. Boy, oh boy, I'm hoping to be in on all of it! I'm going to help feed the chickens, feed the pigs, hoe the garden, shoot bug spray on the crazy little bugs that may want to eat our plants, pick cherries, and smile a mile wide as I recall that I am getting in some mighty good licks for my Uncle Sammy!

Shorty said, "Wadjepi, tell the fellows some of the things we will be doing in food production at Camp Miniwanca this summer," and here I've written a regular book. Oh me, oh my, h'mmmmm! Well, I'll be seeing you.

BIG EVENTS FOR THIS SUMMER

OUT-OF-DOORS LIFE - Great emphasis will be made this summer on living out-of-doors, getting better acquainted with the woods. There'll be hiking, cooking, sleeping out, signaling, tracking and trailing, and fire prevention.



PHYSICAL FITNESS - will be emphasized of physical training. It is patriotic

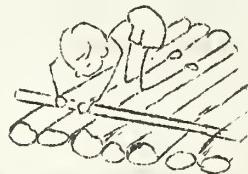


in a daily, well-balanced program to keep physically fit.

FOOD PRODUCTION - Camp will have a two-acre farm, and will again raise chickens and pigs. During the war period, all of us must be willing to do our part in helping to produce food as a victory measure.

A GREAT WATERFRONT PROGRAM - Fred Nolting has been studying some new projects for the aquatic program, and it looks like a bang-up good time in Stony Lake this summer.

RAFT AND BRIDGE BUILDING - is to be a new project for the Boys Camp this summer. After reading about the experiences of some of our soldiers drifting for days on rafts in the Pacific, we thought you would like to know more about building a raft. Building bridges will be a new adventure, too.



COUNTY FAIR and CARNIVAL - Who will ever forget the hog-tying contest, the turtle races, fire building, the greased-pig episode, those two thrilling and hair-raising ball games, and the great carnival finale on the tennis courts that night!!!

AND JUST TO MENTION - Miniwanca Tribal Games, Leaders' Frolic, Tournaments of all kinds, Sable Hike, Roller Skating Grand Councils.



Square Garden Boxing Night, Athletic and Aquatic Meets, Tobogganaging on Baldy, Point on the tennis courts, Low and

IDEALS and VESPERS - will again be high lights in our camp experience this summer. Surely during these dangerous and unsettled times we need our religious lives challenged and strengthened.

W E L C O M E , N E W C A M P E R S !

The following new boys have registered for camp this summer. We welcome you, and I am sure our old campers will help give you a swell time at Miniwanca.

JAMES "Jimmie" ANDERSON, Evanston, Ill.; EMMETT BOYLES, Louisville, O.; BILL CHRIS-MAN, Winnetka, Ill.; ROBERT CLIPNER, University City, Mo.; JOHN CUNO, Cleveland, O.; JOHN FERGUSON, Cleveland, O.; SLADE GORTON, Evanston, Ill.; BRUCE GRAVES, West Lafayette, Ind.; LAWRENCE HATTENDORF, Euclid, O.; GORDON HAYS, University City, Mo.; JOHN HOFFSOMMER, Fayetteville, Ark.; RODNEY HURL, Shelby, O.; DAVID ILIFF, Little Rock, Ark.; BILLY and BOBBY JOHNSON, Worthington, Ohio; CLARENCE JOHNSON (Larry's brother), Columbia, Mo.; NORMAN JONES, Whiting, Ind.; WILLIAM LEYDA, Dayton, O.; FRANK LONG, Whiting, Ind.; ROBERT MAJOR, Webster Groves, Mo.; MORTIMER "Tim" MATHEWS, Glendale, O.; JAMES and ROBERT MEYER, Akron, O.; LOWELL "Bill" MONROE, Shaker Heights, O.; WILLIAM MORGAN, Berea, Ky.; ROBERT NOXON (Elwin's Brother), Kirkwood, Mo.; BILL OFFENBACHER, Shaker Heights, O.; CURTIS OWEN, Normandy, Mo.; DONALD PALMER, St. Louis, Mo.; JOSEPH RUEFF, Whiting, Ind.; BRADLEY and THOMAS SAUTERS, Cleveland, O.; CHALMERS SMITH, Whiting, Ind.; DONALD SPIEGEL, University City, Mo.; ROBERT TRUHLAR, Chagrin Falls, O.; A. A. TULEY, University City, Mo.; ALBERT ZELT, Oil City Pa.; DAVID WOODYARD, Oak Park, Ill.; ROBERT WRIGHT, University City, Mo.; ROGER MILLIKAN, Ashland, Ky.; ARTHUR JOHNSON, Wilmette, Ill.

P R E - S E N I O R S , A T T E N T I O N !

Arrangements have been made with the farmers near camp whereby you can help pick cherries during the season and earn some money. Parents have to give their consent for you to work. The number of days you work is for you to decide. This is a fine opportunity to camp and, at the same time, work and make some money.

Also, the Pre-Seniors will have the great privilege of having Kodaya for their Ideals leader. This will be a real treat for you. (New campers, "Kodaya" is Dr. Warmingham of our Foundation staff.)

N E W S A B O U T L E A D E R S

RAY BUDDE, who is the new treasurer of the St. Louis Founders, will be a leader in the Darer Unit again this summer.

RALPH LOHREY graduated in medicine from Western Reserve University on Friday, January 19, and married the next day.

HART DAVIS left recently to join the Army Air Corps and is taking training at Michigan State College.

SAM COOK graduated from Macalester College in January, and is now in training for an Ensignship on a PT boat, submarine, or destroyer.

ESTON MATHEWS was called to the army from Citidel Military College in March.

FRED NOLTING was recently elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa at Albion College, where he graduates in May.

BOB KERWIN and EDDIE CUNLIFF are in the service. RAY BILLETT is at Purdue University, GORDON HENDERSON, Princeton University; PIERRE ZETTERBURG, Pomona College in Calif.; BOB SONGER, Eastern Sominary in Pennsylvania; and WAYNE FUNK, Ottawa University.

CARTER ALLEN is in training at Midshipmen's School in New York.

DAVE WILLIS will be at Duke University this summer. In a recent letter he says: "To be at Camp Miniwanca is the best way in the world to spend the summer. It was a great summer; I'll never forget it."

Among the old leaders who will be back this summer are ROGER ALLEN, Presbyterian Seminary, Chicago; FRED NOLTING, Albion College, in Michigan; RAY BUDDE, St. Louis University; PAUL HEWETT, Randles School, Washington, D.C.; and possibly BOB STEIGER, DOUG BRODIE, and "ELMER" IGLEHART.

Some of our swell new leaders will be: SAM HOGUE, Indiana State Teachers College; ALBERT LOOS, Westinghouse Tech.; LOWELL and VIC VAN TASSELL, Kansas State Teachers College; WILLARD DOORES, Phillips University; JAMES JOHNSON, Ball State Teachers College; CLIFF JIMISON, Glenville Teachers College; DICK VIRTS, Indiana University; FRISBY SMITH, Berea College; and FRED WESLEY, Berea College.

BOYS FROM 17 STATES

Is your registration in for this summer? If not, REGISTER NOW. Already our enrollment is ahead of this time last year. Boys have registered from 17 states, and it looks as if YB will be full again this summer. Many of your friends of last year are coming back. Be sure you are there to greet them. They're coming from Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, California, Iowa, Arkansas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Texas, New Jersey, Indiana, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Kansas, Florida, and Minnesota.

EQUIPMENT SUGGESTIONS

Let's streamline our baggage this year and cut out any non-essentials. Bring only the things you will need and use while at camp. Boats and trains are too crowded for any unnecessary baggage. An Equipment List is enclosed.

A THOUGHT FROM THE DIRECTOR

Camping the Miniwanca Way is an opportunity to do the things you have always wanted to do in the out-of-doors -- days jammed full of adventure. Sports on the field and sports on water, breasting the breakers of Lake Michigan, hikes, night's doings, and all kinds of crafts and hobbies. Glamour of the campfire, the story teller's magic, the friendships, and the joy of friendly competition.

Fun, fellowship, strength in fourfold living -- the happiest summer you can have -- an experience with lasting memories.

Come and bring one of your best smiles and a determination to make this the best camp ever.

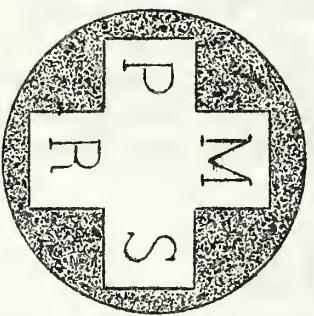
So long. Will see you in June.

"*Shorty*"

T. Aubrey Morse, DIRECTOR BOYS CAMP

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June 21 - August 1



on Lake Michigan and Stony Lake and Stony Creek
.....in the wooded sand dunes of Michigan.....